MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*) : From the Press Communique I understand that, in the removal of *charkas*, there was pushing or so. What is meant by "*or so*" ? (*Laughter.*)

PRESIDENT : You may put your own interpretation upon it.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*) : What was the nature of the "other assault" committed in addition to pushing ? It implies an assault of some other nature also.

PRESIDENT : With regard to the interpretation of the language, you may put your own interpretation upon it. You may comment upon it as you like, but it does not form the subject of a question.

MR. A. HOOGEWERF (*Nominated*) : Is it a fact that the anti-*satyagrahis* began to beat upon empty kerosene tins ?

PRESIDENT : I must disallow that question as it does not arise out of this.

Prohibitory Order on Mr. Aiyappan.

57. MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*) : (*a*) Are the Government aware that the Kottayam District Magistrate has recently issued a prohibitory order to Mr. K. Aiyappan, B. A., asking him not to address public meetings in that District ?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table copies of all the papers connected therewith, including reports of the speeches which Mr. Aiyappan might be alleged to have made ?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*) : I want to know how many speeches were delivered by Mr. Aiyappan and reported to Government.

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : Some speeches. I am not just now aware of the exact number.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*) : Where were those speeches delivered ?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : I am not in a position to state exactly the places where those speeches were delivered.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*) : My question is whether Government have got reports about these speeches.

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : Certainly.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*) : If so, they must be able to tell the House—

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : Not necessarily. The answer to question (*b*) is in the negative.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*) : I am not asking for that. I want to know the number of the speeches delivered and the places where those speeches were delivered.

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[Mr. V. Subba Aiyar.]

PRESIDENT: Mr. Subba Aiyar claims notice of that question.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased at least to publish those portions of the speeches which are considered to be objectionable and place copies on the table?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The Government do not think it necessary to do so.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): May I know why?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): The Government are not bound to state the reasons.

PRESIDENT: He must have notice. The speeches must be read.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that, when Mr. Aiyappan was making a speech at Vaikam, Mr. Pitchu Aiyangar, the Assistant Superintendent of Police, interfered and asked Mr. Aiyappan not to refer to his name during the course of the speech?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): I claim notice.

Alleged Assault by the Police on Satyagrahis at Vaikam.

58. MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that the Police at Vaikam assaulted *Satyagrahis* on two days about the 8th Mithunam, 1099, kicking and fisting and knocking them down continuously for hours together?

(*b*) Is it true that Mr. Pitchu Aiyangar, the Assistant Superintendent of Police, was at the spot when this assault was going on?

(*c*) Was not the Ag. Commissioner of Police at Vaikam, with a host of other Police officers, including Mr. B. Narayana Pillai, the Ag. Superintendent of Police, Quilon, during these days?

(*d*) Have the Government instituted any enquiry in respect of this conduct of the Police at Vaikam?

MR. V. SUBBA AIYAR (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*):

(*a*) The member is referred to the answer to Mr. Joseph Panjikaran's question.

(*b*) Mr. Pitchu Aiyangar was present when the *charkas* were seized.

(*c*) The Ag. Police Commissioner was camping at Vaikam from the 7th to the 10th Mithunam, 1099. Mr. B. Narayana Pillai, Ag. District Superintendent of Police, Quilon, was at Vaikam for a few hours on the 7th Mithunam on business unconnected with Vaikam *Satyagraha*.

(*d*) Under instructions from Government, the District Magistrate held an enquiry and his report has already been published as a Press Communiqué.

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